



OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
STATE OF MONTANA

SENATE FINANCE & CLAIMS

Exhibit No. 1  
Date 3-31-15  
Bill No. HBE

March 31 2015

Budget Items Not Funded

1. 8.96 permanent FTE positions and \$571,770 FY 16 and \$570,357 FY 17. These positions are part of the vacancy savings reduction. The agency does not have open positions that it can shed.
2. 23.50 modified FTE positions and \$1,849,062 FY 16 and \$1,825,621 FY 17. These positions are handling current caseload and if released we cannot adequately serve our mission.
3. 14.00 new FTE positions
  - a. 2.00 FTE Resource Advocates and 2.00 FTE Eligibility Specialists at \$267,214 FY 16 and \$249,904 FY 17.
  - b. 4.00 Attorneys and 6.00 Administrative Support at \$778,552 FY 16 and \$739,112 FY 17.
4. FY 16 \$425,000 and FY 17 \$530,000 to fund an attorney career ladder to recruit and retain attorneys – past approval dropped turnover from 27 to 9%. If not approved – turnover will most certainly rise.
5. Contract attorney rate adjustment of \$196,643 FY 16 and \$393,286 FY 17 for a 2% adjustment.
6. Contract costs for the Appellate Program of \$150,000 for each fiscal year. This will allow the program to cover increased caseload and costs for transcripts.

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